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1. REFTEL (A) STATED DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE IHAWK PROGRAM AND REQUESTED EMBASSY REVIXQ A MICOM ANALYSIS CONCERNING LOGISTIC CONCEPT, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONAL CONCEPT. REFTELS (B), (C), AND (D) HAVE REPORTED AS REQUIRED, AND SOUGHT DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON THREE POINTS. ADDITIONALLY, DEPARTMENT SOLICITED EMBASSY COMMENTS ON OTHER ASPECTS. THIS MESSAGE WILL ADDRESS THE COMPUTER UNCLASSIFIED

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CENTER AND RECENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS PERTINENT THERETO.

2. FMS CASE DA KUWAIT UCY (LINE ITEM 1, ANNEX I, PART 8), UNDER THE HEADING INVENTORY CONTROL POINT IS A LISTING OF EQUIPMENT BY IBM PART NUMBER. THIS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN IBM 370 COMPUTER WITH TAPE UNITS, MAGNETIC DISK MEMORIES, PUNCHED CARD HANDLING EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ANCILLARIES. IN OTHER LINE ITEMS, PROGRAMMING, COMPUTER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE IS INDICATED.

3. NOTE 14, CASE UCY SEEKS GOK AUTHORIZATION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF ALL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (INCLUDING COMPUTER CENTER) FROM "SYSTEM PRIME CONTRACTOR". MOD REPS BELIEVE THIS MEANS DA INTENDS TO PURCHASE IBM COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FROM RAYTHEON. (BELIEVE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION DOES THIS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (H)).

4. LOCAL IBM AGENCY ADVISES US AS FOLLOWS (REFER TO ANNEX I, CASE UCY, PART 8):

A. ITEM 1: MODEL 6/7 ATTACHMENT 80 CARD COLUMN P/N 1442, NOT COMPATIBLE WITH COMPUTER LISTED (P/N 3115) AND THAT P/N 4670 REQUIRED. PRINTER ATTACHMENT P/N 4150 IS NOT A VALID NUMBER, P/N 4650 TOGETHER WITH P/N 9771 MUST BE USED.

B. ITEM 2: PRINTER N1 1100 LPM P/N 3203 NOT COMPATIBLE WITH COMPUTER P/N 3115; PRINTER P/N 1403 SHOULD BE USED.

C. ITEM 5: STORAGE FACILITY, DIRECT ACCESS P/N 3340 REQUIRES MODEL 15 ATTACHMENT S/3 P/N 9587 VICE P/N 9589 (NOT COMPATIBLE).

5. DISCUSSIONS WITH KADF AND MOD REPS HAVE INDICATED THEY THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE A SMALL COMPUTER WITHIN THE CSMF CAPABLE OF HANDLING IHAAT SUPPLY ONLY. ALTHOUGH THEY ADMIT AGREEING TO IBM 370, THEY STATE THEY NOT AWARE THIS A LARGE COMPUTER. (JULY 74 RAYTHEON PROPOSAL HAD IBM MODEL 15 COMPUTER.)

6. LOCALLY, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR OVER A YEAR TO CONVINCE THE MOD TO MODERNIZE THEIR SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. THE SPARE PARTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE/ENGINEER EQUIPMENT HAVE ALREADY OVERLOADED THEIR SYSTEM. NOW THE SPARES FOR THE MIRAGE F-1 INTERCEPTOR AND PUMA AND GAZELLE HELICOPTERS ARE ARRIVING. (REFTEL (E) PROVIDED AN EARLY ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION AND STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOK.) THE SUPPLY SITUATION IS POOR AND (WE PREDICT) WILL DETERIORATE MORE BEFORE IT IMPROVES.

7. EMBASSY HAS ADVOCATED THE SYSTEMIATIC PROCESS OF DEFINITION OF REQUIREMENTS, SELECTION OF EQUIPMENT AND DEFINITION OF PROGRAMMING REQUIREMENTS THAT DOD USES. THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN BRIEFED (VERBALLY) AT ALL LEVELS THROUGH THE UNDERSECRETARY AND RECOMMENDED IN WRITING TO THE DCS/LOG AND THE UNDERSECRETARY, WITH AN ESTIMATE OF SIZE, ETC., OF THEIR SUPPLY OPERATIONS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THEIR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FROM ALL SOURCES. (ESTIMATES MADE WITH ASSISTANCE OF KUWAITI MILITARY AND UK SECONDED OFFICERS). THE CENTRAL THEME OF THIS EFFORT HAS BEEN ONE SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR THEIR ENTIRE NEEDS VICE THEIR CURRENT TWO SEPARATE SYSTEMS (ARMY AND AIR FORCE) AND THE SEPARATE AND DIVERGENT APPROACHES TO SUPPLY ASSISTANCE CONTAINED IN THE IHAWK AND A4KU PROGRMS. WE HAVE OF COURSE, INCLUDED RECOMMENDATIONS THAT FINANCE, BUDGET, PERSONNEL, ETC., ALSO BE COMPUTERIZED.

8. THE GOK HAS SOLICITED PROPOSALS FROM IBM, NCR, AND A BRITISH FIRM TO "COMPUTERIZE" THE MOD USING THE IBM 370 COMPUTER OWNED BY THE GOK PLANNING BOARD (ABOUT 20 PERCENT UTILIZED). PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

9. GOK MOD HAS IN PAST (SEE REFTELS (F) AND (G)) REQUIRED COMPLETE INFORMATION ON IHAWK CASES. REQUEST REITERATED ON 23DEC75. NO SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ON COMPUTER CENTER PROVIDED BY USG. EMBASSY HAS TRIED LOCAL IBM AGENCY, BUT, LOCALLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION IS NOT WHAT ADP EXPERTS WANT.

10. FROM "ROUGH" OPINION OF GOK PLANNING BOARD, ADP EXPERTS, IT APPEARS THAT ONE IBM 370 COMPUTER PROBABLY OF SUFFI-
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CIENT CAPACITY FOR ENTIRE MOD, HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO UTILIZE REMOTE ACCESS TERMINALS WILL BE REQUIRED. (THESE NOT INCLUDED IN CASE UCY). MOD CURRENTLY DISPOSED TO LEAVE COMPUTER CENTER IN CASE, HOWEVER, CHANGES TO EQUIPMENT LISTING PROBABLY REQUIRED. MOD GETTING ADP EXPERTS FROM PLANNING BOARD AND KUWAIT UNIVERSITY TO REVIEW.

11. AT THIS TIME, EMBASSY NOT SURE OF BEST COURSE OF ACTION FOR USG; HOWEVER, AS INTERIM POSITION, UNTIL SITUATION COARIFIED, SUGGEST:

- A. PROVIDE SUCH ADP EQUIPMENT AS GOK MOD DESIRES UNDER FMS;
- B. LEAVE COMPUTER OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND PROGRAMMING TO GOK;
- C. PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON DOD (ALL SERVICES)

SUPPLY ADP MATTERS (CARD FORMAT, TAPE FORMAT, INFO ON DOD AUTOMATED SUPPLY PROCEDURES, DATA FILES, ETC.) AS GOK MAY DESIRE; AND

D. ASSUME LOW PROFILE POSITION ON ADP EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS, E.G. LET GOK MAKE OWN SELECTIONS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE.

12. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE/GUIDANCE ON FOLLOWING:

- A. INTERIM POLICY SUGGESTED PARA 11;
 - B. RESOLUTION OF ALLEGED TECHNICAL DISCREPANCIES REPORTED PARA 4 ABOVE;
 - C. CLARIFYING USG INTENTIN CONCERNING SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT FROM "SYSTEM PRIME CONTRACTOR" (RAYTHEON);
 - D. OBTAINING (FOR GOK) STUDY/ANAYLYSIS USED TO DETERMINE ADP REQUIREMENTS AND/OR SYSTEM CAPACITY; AND
 - E. DESCRIPTIVE/TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON EQUIPMENT USG HAS RECOMMENDED.
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